

**Amendments to the Specification:**

The Abstract on page 14 of the specification has been amended as shown:

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al Method and system aspects provide for automated monitoring of quality of service of digital video material being distributed and played ~~are described~~. The aspects include embedding a signature in each frame of the digital video material by a program source device control. Computation of play-out statistics for the digital video material based on the signature by a program play-out device control is also included.

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